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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ENRG, GW
SUBJECT: FRG REACTION TO CONSUMER/PRODUCER PREPCON

1. THE ECON/COMM MINISTER DISCUSSED THE RESULTS OF THE CONSUMER/PRODUCER PREPCON WITH ECON MINISTRY ENERGY DIRECTOR ENGELMANN AND WITH AMBASSADOR ROBERT, THE HEAD OF THE GERMAN DELEGATION TO THE PREPCON. FOLLOWING SUMMARIZES THE FRG REACTION TO THE PREPCON BASES ON THESE CONVERSATIONS AND EMBOFF'S TALKS WITH OTHER SENIOR OFFICIALS.

2. THE FRG FEELS STRONGLY THAT THE PRESENT DISEQUILIBRIUM IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS CAUSED BY THE BREAKDOWN OF THE PREPCON MUST BE QUICKLY RECTIFIED AND CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT HAS INDICATED THAT THE FRG INTENDS TO PLAY AN ACTIVE ROLE IN PUTTING THE PIECES BACK TOGETHER AGAIN. GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN BOELLING STATED AFTER YESTERDAY'S CABINET MEETING THAT "THE FRG SHOULD ACTIVELY CONTRIBUTE TO OVERCOMING THE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION ON THE FORMULATION OF THE AGENDA". HE STATED FURTHER THAT IT WAS IN THE FRG'S INTEREST TO "DEDRAMATIZE THE QUESTION OF THE AGENDA SO THAT THE PREPCON CAN RESUME ITS WORK AGAIN AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE." ONE SOURCE NOTED THAT SCHMIDT HAD INTERVENED PERSONALLY WITH GISCARD ON TUESDAY IN ORDER TO FIND A SOLUTION TO THE PREPCON BUT BY THAT TIME IT WAS TOO LATE.

3. SCHMIDT IS PERSONALLY VERY CONCERNED ABOUT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND WANTS TO DO SOMETHING TO IMPROVE THEM. HE HAS ORDERED CONFIDENTIAL

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HIS MINISTRIES TO CONDUCT A STOCKTAKING OF ALL OF THE ISSUES WHICH THE LDCS WANTED TO INCLUDE IN THE AGENDA FOR A FULL CONFERENCE WITH A VIEW TOWARD A GOVERNMENT REVIEW OF GERMAN POLICIES IN THESE AREAS AT THE CABINET LEVEL IN EARLY MAY.

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WORK OF THE IEA. THERE IS NO DISAGREEMENT THAT THERE SHOULD BE A RENEWED EMPHASIS ON CONSUMER SOLIDARITY AND THE WORK CURRENTLY BEING CONDUCTED IN THE SLT. THERE IS CONCERN, HOWEVER, THAT PROGRESS ON CONSUMER SOLIDARITY AT BOTH THE NEXT GOVERNING BOARD MEETING AND ESPECIALLY THE IEA MINISTERIAL MAY BE HARDER TO ACHIEVE UNLESS THERE IS NEW IMPETUS FOR THE CONSUMER/PRODUCER DIALOGUE AS WELL.

5. EMBASSY COMMENT: THE STRONG GERMAN SUPPORT FOR CONSUMER SOLIDARITY WITHIN THE IEA HAS BEEN CAREFULLY BALANCED EVER SINCE THE WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE BY SUPPORT FOR THE CONSUMER/PRODUCER DIALOGUE. THE FACT THAT IT INVOLVED NO BASIC INCOMPATIBILITY IN GERMAN-FRENCH RELATIONS WAS ALSO A DETERMINING FACTOR. THE BREAKUP OF THE PREPCON HAS UPSET THIS BALANCE AND THE DESIRE TO RESTORE IT WILL BE A MAJOR FACTOR IN FRG POLICY.

6. ENGELMANN AS WELL AS OTHER CONTACTS EXPRESSED THE HOPE FOR AN EARLY READOUT FROM WASHINGTON ON US VIEWS IN ORDER THAT THEY BE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN WORKING ON THE STOCKTAKING REQUESTED BY THE CHANCELLOR.
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